marketing arrangement, the Mother Dairy is selling the milk processed and packed in poly pack by that Federation with the help of the Federation's infrastructure and manpower.

Sale of Fertilisers in U.P.

646. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh opposed the sale of fertilisers to farmers @ Rs. 100 per bag;

(b) whether this has created a scarcity of fertilisers and the same is sold in black market; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) U.P. Government proposed sale of Urea at Rs. 110.20 per bag of 50 kg. (inclusive of Sales Tax and distribution margin) by Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO) and Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO) as against the statutory maximum price that works out to Rs. 123.50P.

(b) and (c) Government is not aware of any shortages of fertilisers or black market in the item in U.P.

Recovery Machinery to Realise PF Arrears

647. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made by the "Recovery Machinery" to expenditiously realise provident fund arrears from the defaulting employees so far;

(b) whether this machinery would be of permanent nature; and

(c) whether this machinery would also look into the other grievances like payment of P.F. to employees and loans etc.?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The Recovery Machinery has started functioning with effect from 1.7.90. It is, therefore, too early to make any assessment of the work done by the machinery.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No. Sir.

Ceiling of Non-Productive Urban Wealth

648. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that government have considered a proposal for ceiling on non-productive urban wealth, which includes houses, property and land;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are views of the experts in the urban development field on the subject particulary with reference to the implementation of the draft National Housing policy as enunciated earlier?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The draft National Housing policy document notes that the operation of the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976, in its present form has frozen the land market leading to rapid escalation in land prices. To remove the inhibiting effects of the Act and to make land available for housing